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: Endoscope Comprising a Flexible Probe

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Mail Stop 16

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.26(a), request is hereby made for a refund of, \$900.00, reflecting the \$900.00 fee charged to the deposit account on June 5, 2008.

On September 5, 2007, the undersigned attorney filed an Application Data Sheet claiming small entity status and Request for Refund requesting refund of \$450.00. However, such refund was denied on October 30, 2007 indicating that the time has expired for the refund of this fee. On June 5, 2008, the USPTO charged the deposit account of the undersigned \$900.00 under fee codes 1631, 1642 and 1633. However, these fees were paid by credit card on April 28, 2006 at the time of filing the application. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the \$900.00 fee charged on June 5, 2008 be credited to the deposit account.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time Sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any such fee or any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 05-1323, Docket No. 102435.57576US.

Respectfully submitted,

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